

From,

Chief Electoral Officer,  
Uttarakhand,  
Dehradun.

To,

All Principal Secretary/  
Secretary,  
Government Of Uttarakhand,  
Dehradun.

**Sub: Instructions on Usage /Restriction of official vehicles for observing the Model Code of Conduct.**

Sir,


The Commission has issued various instructions on the observance of the Code of Conduct from time to time. Recent reports of misuse requires clarity and awareness at all levels to be ensured by each department. The Model Code of Conduct is for guidance of Political Parties of candidates and for the functioning of the Government. It is to be ensured that official machinery for the electoral purposes is not misused. It shall also be the responsibility of the Head of the Departments and the Government to ensure its compliance.

Important aspects are listed below which are indicative and illustrative and not exhaustive :

1. Official vehicles can not be used for electioneering work. 'Official Vehicles' include all vehicles belonging to the-
  - a. Central Government,
  - b. State Government,
  - c. Public Undertakings of the Central and State Government.
  - d. Joint Sector Undertaking of Central and State Government.
  - e. Local Bodies, Municipal Corporations, Municipalities,
  - f. Marketing Boards (by whatever name known).
  - g. Cooperative Societies,
  - h. Autonomous District councils, or
  - i. Any other body in which public funds, howsoever small a portion of the total, are invested, and also.
  - j. Vehicles belonging to the Ministry of Defense and the Central Police Organizations under the Ministry of Home Affairs and State Government.

2. It is open for a minister of the Union or State to make private visits using his or her private vehicle (s) . For such private visits, the official personal staff of the ministers shall not accompany them.
3. Ministers are entitled to use their official vehicles only for commuting from their official residence to their office for official work provided that such commuting is not combined with any electioneering or any political activity.
4. Ministers, whether of the Union or State, shall not combine in any manner their official tours with election work.
5. Whether on a private or official visit, no pilot car(s) or car(s) with beacon lights of any colour or car(s) affixed with sirens of any kind shall be used by any political functionary, even if the State administration has granted him a security cover requiring presence of armed guards to accompany him on such visit. This is applicable whether the vehicle is government owned or private owned.
6. The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with electioneering work and shall not also make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work.
7. No transport including official air-crafts, vehicles etc. shall be used for furtherance of the interest of any party or a candidate.
8. Where a vehicle is provided by the State or the Minister is given an allowance for maintenance of the vehicle, he can not use such vehicle for election.
9. The Chief Electoral Officer shall also recover the cost of propulsion from the ministers who may misuse their official position and vehicle. Facility of official vehicles can be withdrawn from those ministers etc. who violate the provision of Model Code of Conduct.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Chief Electoral Officer.

Copy to all Head of the Departments, Uttarakhand for information and necessary action.

  
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